

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of December 29, 2004. Claims 1 – 3, 6, 22, 27 and 28 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 7 – 21 and 26 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 7 – 21, and 23 - 26 remain pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 17 and 28 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of Claim 17 has been overcome by a clarifying amendment. The rejection of Claim 28 has been obviated by cancellation of that claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted these rejections are fully traversed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 – 5, 14, 15 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Rice (6,424,215). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 – 3 and 27 have been cancelled. Claim 4 has been rewritten to incorporate allowed Claim 6, which has been cancelled, and Claim 5 depends from Claim 4. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 13 which has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, this rejection is fully traversed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 21, and 23 – 25 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gomez (6,275,106). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowed Claim 22, and Claim 22 has been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted these claims are also now in condition for allowance.

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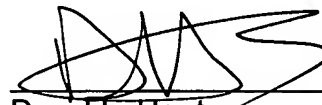
The remaining claims have been rewritten to put allowed claims into independent form or to depend from such an allowed claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted all remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

The above claim cancellations and amendments have been made to expedite prosecution, and without acquiescing in the rejections. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of similar or broader scope to the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that any impediment remains to allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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